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Gentlemen,

In presenting my Annual Report for 1921, I again follow the lines as laid down by the Ministry of Health.

THE POPULATION for the district has not yet come to hand, therefore I can say nothing concerning it. is 1747.

THE BIRTH RATE for the year was 35.

INFANT MORTALITY under 1 year - 7.

THE DEATH RATE per 1,000 ^{is 12} ~~I am unable to give you, not having~~ the Census return.

THE CLIMATIC CONDITION during the year was remarkable, the rain-fall totalled 29.06 against 50.88 of the previous year, as far as I know a record for this district and most places in England were the same. The heaviest fall was in January 6.24 and lowest in June 0.29.

THE POOR LAW RELIEF paid during 1921 amounted to £249.10.6d against £259. 5. 8d of the previous year.

THE WATER SYSTEM had a very severe strain put upon it during last year but I am pleased to say it came out of it well. Not once during all the long months of dry weather did the Water Supply fail or have to be cut off. Few places in England can say the same. The large Tank upon Station Hill has been emptied and cleaned out during the year. Whilst I am on this subject I should like to draw your attention to the Filters which require renewing and cleaning. Owing to the nature of the Water Supply from an open stream this is an exceedingly important item for all the inhabitants of Lynton and Lynmouth.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE. During the year one new drain and 3 repairs were undertaken.

I must again bring to your notice that the main pipe carrying the sewerage out to sea is not long enough and it frequently happens that on certain tides and when the wind is in a certain direction sewerage matter gets carried back, not only into the Harbour but into the bathing place. I observed this last year, and I would again draw your attention to having this pipe lengthened.

CLOSET ACCOMODATION No alteration has taken place in this system since last year or indeed for many years.

The present public urinal in Lynmouth is not found adequate or is it in a place suitable for those coming off the boats in the season, and this requires closing and a new one of a more up-to-date character building.

SCAVENGING The house refuse is removed 3 times a week from each house, the rate of 1½ tons per diem being removed. No complaints were received during the year.

SANITARY INSPECTION of DISTRICTS The premises and occupations controlled by bye-laws are 7 in number:-

1	Dressmaker	1	Slaughter house
1	Laundry	1	Wheelwright.
3	bake-houses		

These have all been under supervision during the year and were found to be conducted according to requirements.

12 nuisances in which notices were served resulted in their abatement.

15 Visits to Railway Station conveniences were made during the year.

7 houses were disinfected.

SCHOOLS The three Schools Lynton, Lynmouth & Barbrook continued their work without interruption during the year.

MILK SUPPLY During 1921 the Milk Supply was I am pleased to say of a sufficient quantity. 11 Milk Sellers against 8 of last year registered in your district.

The Dairies & Cow Sheds were under inspection, during the year, I am afraid the lime-washing of the Cow Sheds is not carried out twice yearly as they ought to be with most of the Milk Farmers. I should point out to them that unless the laws of the M.O.H. and his Inspector are not better attended to in this and other matters, some of the Milk Dealers may run the risk of losing their business.

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INSPECTION of MEAT has revealed nothing tuberculous or otherwise unfit for human consumption. 12 inspections were made during the year.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES GENERALLY During the year there were 26 Infectious cases. Since May of last year no infectious case of any kind has occurred in Lynton. The following were the infectious cases:-

Measles 2

Chicken pox 1

Whooping cough 23

The facilities in the district for the cleansing and disinfecting of all clothing and bedding is very bad. This is a matter which has been brought up in each Annual Report for generations and will do so until some day the Council will be badly caught.

VACCINATIONS. There were 14 primary cases of Vaccination and 1 re-vaccination during the year. I notice that the number getting exemptions are increasing yearly; this is a subject that the existing magistrates should not encourage and exemptions not given except for a very good reason, after carefull going into the matter.

TUBERCULOSIS No fresh cases of tuberculosis were reported during the year.

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HOSPITAL ACCOMODATION available for Infectious diseases.

I cannot bring my Annual Report to a close without once more impressing upon you, Gentlemen, the necessity of going into this subject and putting either the existing inadequate Hospital somewhat into order or trying to get a new one for the district or joining with some adjoining Parish etc. I would once again impress upon you that if we do get a bad or even a mild attack outbreak there is no accomodation anywhere to be found in the neighbourhood. Barnstaple cannot help us, in fact Exeter is the nearest, therefore it is very important.

APPENDICES

HOUSING CONDITIONS.

STATISTICS.

I. GENERAL.

(1)	Estimated population	1747
(2)	General death rate.	...	14
(3)	Death rate from tuberculosis	...	2
(4)	Infantine mortality	...	3
(5)	Number of dwelling houses of all classes.		
(6)	Number of working class dwelling houses, abt.	458	
(7)	Number of new working-class houses erected.	NIL.	

II. UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES.

(1) Inspection.

(1)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	NIL.
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations 1910.	NIL.
(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	NIL.
(4)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	NIL.

(II) Remedy of Defects without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers.

NIL.

- (1) Name of area
- (2) Acreage
- (3) Number of working class houses in area.
- (4) Number of working class persons to be displaced ...

IV. Number of houses not complying with the building bye-laws erected with consent of Local Authority, under Section 25 of the Housing, Town, Planning &c Act. 1919.

V. Staff engaged on housing work with, briefly, the duties of each officer.

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Signed:-

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H.G. Fawcett

M.O.H.

Lynton.

(III) ACTION under STATUTORY POWERS

A. Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning Act. 1919.

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs. ...
- (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit -
 - (a) by owners
 - (b) by local Authority in default of owners
- (3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close.

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied:-
 - (a) by owners
 - (b) by local Authority in default of owners

C. PROCEEDINGS under sections 17 & 18 of the Housing, Town, Planning &c. Act. 1909.

- (1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders.
- (2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made.
- (3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling houses having been rendered fit.
- (4) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.
- (5) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.

III. UNHEALTHY AREAS

AREAS represented to the Local Authority with a view to Improvement Schemes under (a) Part I or (b) Part II of the Act of 1890 : -